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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

A copy of each listed document is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a language other than English:

- a. JP A-9-205588: The relevance of this document can be understood from the English language abstract attached thereto, the discussion at page 3 of the present application, and the figures therein.
- b. JP A-8-255027: The relevance of this document can be understood from the English language abstract attached thereto, the discussion at page 3 of the present application, and the figures therein.

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- c. JP 10-145681: The relevance of this document can be understood from the International Search Report, the English language abstract attached thereto, and the figures therein.
  - d. JP 2002-232786: The relevance of this document can be understood from the International Search Report, the English language abstract attached thereto, and the figures therein.

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Respectfully submitted,

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